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The 54 members of the Didsbury High School graduating class of 2016 together at the conclusion of the cap and gown graduation celebration June 24.

Town develops new strategic plan

BY FRANK DABBS
 MVP Staff

The Didsbury residents who attended the first workshop for the town's new four-year strategic plan love living here, worry the town hasn't attracted well-paying industry and business with careers for young people, and have feelings of mistrust for the town's leadership.

Those were the top comments at the evening session of the first public airing of issues for the next strategic plan on June 22 at afternoon and evening sessions held in the Didsbury Memorial Complex curling rink lounge.

The next public input will come through a random survey of 300 to 400 people.

Municipal consultant Bill Holtby of St. Albert presented the process that will be used to develop the plan and facilitated a discussion of the town's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

Ten residents signed in for the afternoon session and eight in the evening, however a few more than that were in attendance.

Notably present were fire Chief Craig Martin; library manager Inez Kosinski; Mel Crothers, chair of the Municipal Planning Commission; Frankie Kelly, the chair of the museum board; and Maia Foster, chair of the library board.

CAO Harold Northcott and manager of legislative services and development Christofer Atchison sat in on the sessions to listen to the public comments.

Holtby and Northcott worked together previously on the Birch Hills County strategic plan for 2014-2018 when Northcott was that municipality's CAO and Holtby the county's consultant. Holtby was the St. Albert city manager until 2011 and has been a consultant to municipalities since that time.

The strategic plan process commenced with Holtby interviewing the town's elected officials – mayor and

councillors.

Interviews with the town's administration managers followed.

The next stage was the public workshops on June 22 followed by workshops with the town's inside and outside workers.

Then there will be the survey and participants in the workshops asked that the methodology of the survey include participation by the 15- to 20-year-old young people who will live with the results of the strategic plan.

Then a plan will be drafted and circulated for comment to the public and the town staff before the plan goes to town council to be finalized and approved.

The strategic plan will include a vision that Holtby described as a statement of what residents and leaders want Didsbury to be in 20 to 25 years. A mission statement will describe in broad terms how the town will achieve the vision.

The plan will then state the values

that will drive the mission. This will be followed by strategic priorities and underlying all of these will be the financial and other plans needed to achieve the goals of the plan.

The vision of the 2014-2017 strategic plan is "a vibrant, sustainable and unified Didsbury."

The mission is "to encourage community engagement through providing open communication and a caring, welcoming and responsive environment."

The values include fiscal accountability, leadership, innovation, integrity, respect, compassion, teamwork, sustainability and excellence.

There were 22 specific targets set under infrastructure, social development and culture, economic development, community outreach and corporate stewardship. These are listed on the town's website at www.didsbury.ca on the Town Hall page. Follow the Town Council link and click on Strategic Plan 2014-2017.



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PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday June 28, 2016 at 6:00 pm
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Wednesday July 13, 2016 at 4:30 pm
Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

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Congratulations Didsbury High School Class of 2016



Good luck
in your future endeavors



Community Programming

Proud To Be A Didsburian - Didsbury FCSS is proud to partner with the Didsbury Museum for this fun program being held at the Didsbury Museum where we will explore the history of Didsbury, play games, have a snack & make a craft! Ages 7 - 12, the cost is \$5.00/child. Dates for this program are July 6 and 20 and August 10 & 24 from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Registration deadline is the Wednesday before each session.
Paint & Picnic - Bring a lunch, bring a lawn chair.....we will supply the canvas, paint and the brushes! Join us in the Kinsmen Park (Toddler Park) , weather permitting, for a fun afternoon of painting. Dates for this program are Monday, July 11 & 25 and August 8 & 22 from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Take one class or join for all 4. Prices are \$15.00/class or \$55.00 for all 4 classes. Registration deadline is the Wednesday before each session.
Youth Field Trip - Join us for some fun in the sun as we spend the day at the beach in Sylvan Lake! The bus will be leaving July 12 & August 23 at 9:00 am - 4:30 pm for youth ages 10 - 15. Please register before July 5 and August 16. This field trip is weather dependant, participants are asked to meet in the Multi-Purpose Room. Cost is \$30/youth.

Call Didsbury Neighborhood Place to register for any of these programs 403.335.8719

Didsbury Memorial Complex Outlying Plan

The Town of Didsbury needs your input. We are currently working on a design for the development of the grounds at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. Two potential concepts have been designed and we are looking for community feedback.....What do you like? What facilities will you use? What other suggestions might you have?

Please visit www.didsbury.ca to complete the survey, located on our Town Hall menu. Survey closes on July 8, 2016, so don't miss your chance to have input into this exciting project!

Thank you!

New Development Permit Applications

The following Development Permits have been issued for these proposed developments:

DP 16-065 DP 16-069	2 Valarosa Court 1613 - 27 Avenue	SFD - Attached Garage Change of Use	R1 I2
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Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 pm on July 11, 2016.

Kristopher Pickett/Phil Boucher - Development Officers

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Noel West/MVP Staff

From left, Sherry Gerbrandt and Kris Schmidt look over a concept plan with Christofer Atchison, manager of legislative and development services with the Town of Didsbury during an open house on the Didsbury Memorial Complex park held on June 23.

Library plans rodeo cabaret

The Didsbury Municipal Library plans to hold its annual post-rodeo fundraising cabaret Aug. 20 in the Memorial Complex multi purpose room, a spokesperson said.

Rooster in a Henhouse will perform music for the event and there will be 50/50 draws, a cash bar and midnight lunch. Tickets will be \$10 with all proceeds given to the library.

Police briefs

Graffiti vandals tag Ross Ford school

Hooligans have struck a second Didsbury school with graffiti tags, RCMP Sgt. Kimberly Pasloske said June 23 at the weekly police news briefing.

The tagging took place at Ross Ford Elementary School on 23rd Street sometime on the weekend of June 17 to 20.

Between May 26 and 28, walls at Didsbury High School on 15th Avenue and Reimer shopping plaza on 16th Street were also tagged.

RCMP detachment commander thanks callers

Police in Didsbury are being aided in their work because Didsbury residents are increasing their calls to RCMP about suspicious activity and people, RCMP Sgt. Kimberly Pasloske said June 23 at the weekly police news briefing.

"This is very helpful to us," Sgt. Pasloske said.

Impaired youth Man charged with domestic violence

A Didsbury man faces seven domestic violence charges after an incident June 16. w/Timothy Doyle was arrested after an altercation.

Mountain View County work truck stolen

A brazen thief stole a Mountain View County work truck with county logos on each side June 22 between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. The vehicle unit number is 1-131 and the licence plate is ZXR-874.

MP ask citizens to check their vehicle licence plates

A recent rash of licence plate thefts has police asking Didsbury residents to periodically check their vehicle markers on a regular basis.

Victims often don't realize their plate has been stolen until police

find it on a stolen vehicle, Sgt. Pasloske said.

The most recent case involved the theft of a plate on June 17 from a vehicle parked on 20th Street.

GM Sierra, trailer and boat stolen

Thieves stole a white 2007 GM Sierra, a trailer and a boat from a 23rd Street home in Didsbury between midnight and 6 a.m.

The Sierra plate is BFF-2625 and the 1996 CIP trailer's plate is 4VF220.

There are no witnesses and no suspects.

Thieves also stole a white truck and trailer sometime between 9:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. on June 12 from 19th Avenue in Didsbury.

Police in Innisfail have recovered the truck and the owner found the trailer abandoned in Didsbury.

"The truck was left open with the keys inside," said RCMP Cpl. Resus Organ.

"We can only encour-

age people not to leave keys and personal possessions in their vehicles and to lock them," said Resus.

Young offender charged after two-car crash

A young offender faces charges after two people sustained minor injuries when he was driving a vehicle that ran a stop sign.

The collision took place at the intersection of Highway 766 and Twp. Rd. 312 on June 18.

The victims were treated at hospital and released.

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From left, Willie Petersen, Sondra Munn and Crystal Thorsteinson sit in the back of a 1970 Chevy C10 at the Didsbury Car Club Get Fueled on June 21.

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Snack Shack mixes nutrition, learning, socialization

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

With a \$25,000 grant from the President's Choice Children's Charity to modernize its kitchen, one of the longest-running Breakfast for Learning programs in the Chinook's Edge School Division has a new look.

The Wildcat Snack Shack at Westglen School in Didsbury reopened June 20 with an iron man type student contest to create snacks from healthy ingredients such as bananas, peanut butter, rice cakes, tortillas and lettuce.

"We have served almost a quarter of a million breakfasts," said Carolyn Massel, the Westglen principal of 300 students. The breakfast program started in 2004.



Frank Dabbs/MVP Staff

Student judges taste healthy snacks prepared by other students to celebrate the grand reopening of the Wildcat Snack Shack at the Westglen School in Didsbury June 20.

"Our breakfast program is as much about fostering relationships as it is about ensuring a proper meal for all students," she said.

The school estimates that 100 of its students arrive in the morning without breakfast, so the staff wanted to ensure they are ready to con-

centrate on their work, and start the day knowing that they are valued members of the school community.

As well as developing healthy eating habits for life, the meals are served in an area that lends itself to social interaction, Massel said.

The Snack Shack modernization included upgrading the appliances, reorganizing the space and rebuilding a wall for better separation from an adjacent classroom. President's Choice awarded the grant in recognition of the dual purpose of the breakfasts for healthy eating and creating a positive social environment for the students.

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Cassidy Daubney
Mikaela Desjardins-Manser
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William Schneidmiller
Cydney Sheehan
Winston Stewart-Shepherd
Maddy Swan
Indiana Tarras
Amanda Trotter
Kendall Van Dyck
Ethan Williams
Cassidy Wiseman
Raven Young

Honour Roll

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Cassandra Geist - with distinction
Danika Peters - with distinction
David Aebersold
Dara Gole
Naomi Hoffman
Ty Klink
Quintin Lee
Austin Milljour
Kennedy Murphy
Lucas Rahn
Nic Sherman
Sydney Weber
Samantha Wilkinson



Didsbury High School gym scoreboard emblazoned for the class of 2016.

Photos by Frank Dabbs/MVP Staff



Valedictorian Cassandra Geist addresses the Class of 2016 at the cap and gown ceremony and celebration June 24.



Rosa Froese leads those in attendance at the Didsbury High School cap and gown graduation ceremony in the singing of O Canada.



Nic Sherman (right) receives the Spirit of the Dragon award at the 2016 Didsbury High School cap and gown ceremony.

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English 30-1
English 30-2
Social Studies 30-1
Social Studies 30-2
Math 30-2
Math 30-3
Math 31
Chemistry 30
Physics 30
Biology 30
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Instrumental Jazz

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P. E. Male
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Mikaela Manser
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Austin Milljour
Nic Sherman
Rebecca Ricklefs
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Cassandra Geist
Cassandra Geist
Alexa Bricker
Ehern Swawatsky
Danika Peters &
Nic Sherman
Gina Tsiras
David Aebersold
Naomi Hoffman
Jeremy Gerber

Plaque Awards

All Round Grade 12 Student
Spirit of Youth
Dragon's Code Award

Naomi Hoffman
Kailyn Bell & Mytaylor Miller
Nic Sherman



Drawing courtesy of ISL Engineering and Land Services
This is the first conceptual layout prepared by landscape architects aided by Town of Didsbury staff for park development on recreational land east of the Memorial Complex. Town residents were surveyed about their preferences at an open house June 23 and the public consultation process will continue.

Town unveils park proposals

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

A picnic area, tennis, volleyball and basketball courts, adventure play area, permanent skateboard park, wading pool, leisure skating area, Japanese garden and out-

door fitness gear.

These are some of the main features that Didsbury citizens can choose for an outdoor recreational area east of the Memorial Complex on 16,200 square metres of town land not including the parking areas.

The choices were unveiled June 23 at an open house hosted by town staff and landscape architects from ISL Engineering and Land Services in Edmonton.

The site concepts also included a group firepit, a park shelter, landscaped open space, walking pathways, a tot lot and nature playground, an event

plaza, winter tobogganing, washroom facilities and perimeter parking.

The existing Jets Ball Diamond would be removed as it has been supplanted without impacting minor and adult baseball in Didsbury because of existing and ongoing improvements to three ball diamonds at Memorial Park in the

Rosebud Creek valley, said a handout at the open house.

Also on the table is the relocation of Didsbury Neighborhood Place to the Memorial Complex grounds. That move was postponed this year for at least another year to accommodate Five-0 Club floor curling and shuffleboard in the lawn bowling clubhouse on the northeast corner of the Memorial Complex property.

The open house hand-out says the town would save \$22,000 – that is the cost of renting the present Neighborhood Place building.

Jeff Schurek, the landscape architecture manager of ISL, said the open house provided two site concepts to start a planning process that will include extensive public consultation.

Didsbury community services manager Nicole Aasen said, “we have not established a firm time frame yet, as this project will become part of the Strategic Plan that council is currently developing.”

Aasen was on hand with Schurtek and landscape architectural technologist Shannon Richter-Paul and Christofer Atchison, the town’s manager of development, at the open houses to oversee the public feedback and chat with members of the public.

“We anticipate that once the project begins, it will be phased in over two to three years,” she said.

Aasen said that, “a budget has also not been set for the project yet, as we are still working on the plan itself.

“Once council adopts a completed plan and we know what components will be included, then we will work on costing the project and how it will be budgeted.

Aasen said the town staff is “focused on getting community input to ensure that the project will meet the needs of all residents.

“The community survey runs until July 8 to get that feedback and it can be found on our website at www.didsbury.ca,” she said.



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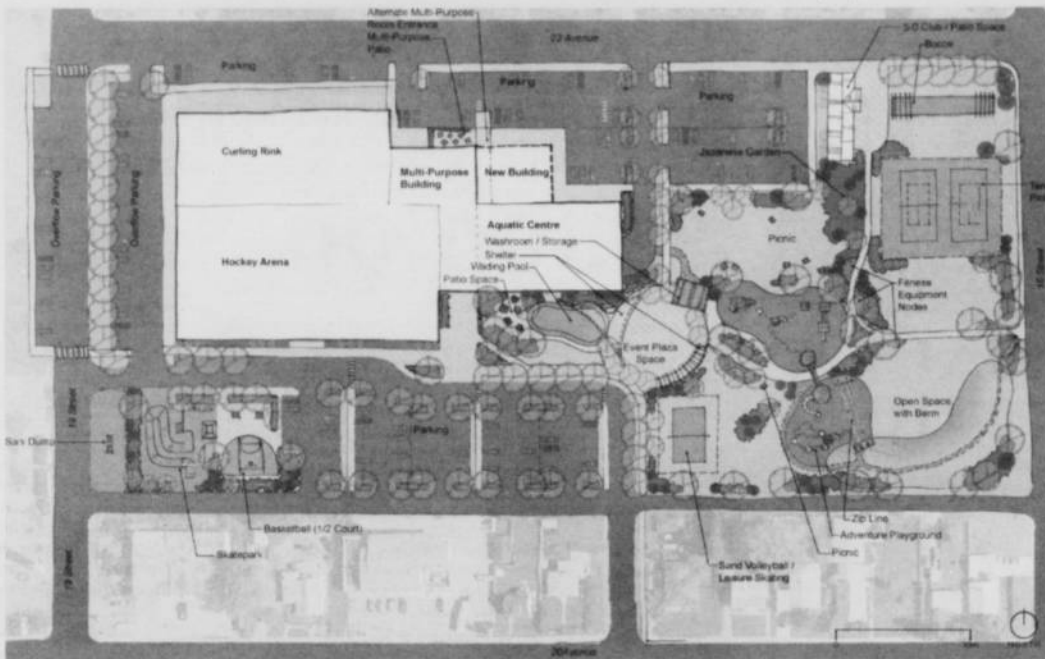
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Drawing courtesy of ISL Engineering and Land Services

The second conceptual plan for a multi-use park on lands east of the Memorial Complex. Developed by landscape architects aided by town staff, the concepts envisage a range of outdoor recreational facilities for users from preschoolers to retirees that have varying physical exercise needs and capabilities.

Bear safety workshop recruits participants

The Southern Alberta Land Trust Society is inviting area residents to a bear safety workshop in the autumn to be held in the MD of Bighorn west of Didsbury.

Land trust society spokes-

person Barry Urban said June 24 that the workshop would include the use of bear spray with practice using a spraying device.

The bear spray instruction has become popular this year with day hikers and picnickers in

Central Alberta because of the growing bear population and the increasing number of bear-to-human contacts.

For further information about the bear safety workshop, call Urban at 403-652-9998.



AROUND TOWN

FOR JUNE 28, 2016

July 5 to August 20. Summer Reading Program at the Library for 5 to 12 year olds. Registration is open, please register your children at the Library. Program is free and attendance is drop in, but participants must be registered before July.

July 6, 20. Didsbury FCSS and the Museum are partnering to offer a new summer program: "Proud to be a Didsburian". This program will explore the history of Didsbury through crafts & games. It will run July 6, 20 & August 10 & 24 from 1 - 2:30 pm. Call Didsbury Neighborhood Place 403-335-8719 for registration and more info.

July 13. Parkinson Alberta Support Group meets the 2nd Wednesday at Sunrise Village, 5600 Sunrise Cr. in Olds from 1:30 to 3:30. Everyone welcome. For more info call Moira 403-346-4463.

July 12. Stampede Western Heritage Day bus trip. To register call Hugh 403-337-2393 or Shirley 403-335-3787. Pick up Didsbury Arena 9 am; Carstairs Five O Club 9:30; Chrystal Manor 9:40 and Crossfield Arena 10 am. Sponsored by Carstairs and Didsbury Happy Trails.

July 19. Caregivers support group meets the 3rd Tuesday at Sunrise Village, 5600 Sunrise Cr. Olds from 2 to 3:30. Contact Karen 403-507-8112 for more info. Everyone welcome

July 20. Caring Arms ~ Monthly Pregnancy Loss Support Group. Bereavement support through the journey of Pregnancy & Childbirth loss. Third Wednesday Morning of each Month Olds Central Alberta Pregnancy Care Center. Contact : 587-796-1611 or olds@pregnancyca.ca. Hosted by Christa Duquette, Bereavement & Birth Doula. www.clddoula.com

July 23. ANY BLOOMIN' THING! Museum Fundraiser. Stroll through the many unique gardens and yards in Didsbury. The Museum will provide a map and identification for you to admire the yards included in the walk. The walk will take place on July 23 from 10 - noon and 1 - 3pm weather permitting. The cost is \$10 per person with snacks provided at the Museum at 3pm. If you wish to showcase your yard please contact Dean or Frankie at the Museum 335.9295. If Mother Nature says July 23 doesn't work we will reschedule for August 6.

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17. Best museum?	37. Best takeout?	57. Best gift/jewelry shop?	77. Best realtor?
18. Best local cause?	38. Best fries?	58. Best men's clothing store?	78. Best golf course?
19. Best local festival/rodeo/parade?	39. Best steak?	59. Best women's clothing store?	79. Best local sports team?
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Opinion

Commentary Who shapes the town?

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

Two public consultation processes, one for the strategic plan and one for park development adjacent to the Memorial Complex, illuminate the thorny question of who gives Didsbury its shape.

Not shape in the physical sense, although both the plan and the park will profoundly influence the geography of the town.

Shape in the social and cultural sense of what kind of community is Didsbury now and what kind of community will it become as the plan and the park are implemented.

Canadians are great community builders.

It has been my privilege to write about events in most of the provinces and northern territories. I have seen first-hand that when three Canadians are gathered together, they have an amazing knack of creating a way of living together that accommodates differences and provides for disparities.

We cut our grass, join choirs, send food to the bereaved, build schools and churches, organize the children into teams, 4-H clubs and cub packs and invite each other for Saturday night parties.

What kind of community will Didsbury build and who will build it?

The developers build it literally and have a great deal of control over what gets built. But they dance to the music that the market makes and without demand their land sits empty.

Municipal government plays a central role in deciding what kind of community we will become. Town hall can be the most influential player on the field.

The municipal staff who have led recent public processes, including for #whydidsbury, the strategic plan and the Memorial Complex park concept are punching above their weight both in the choices they are giving Didsbury to make and the processes that are making these choices.

In Didsbury, the municipal leaders – elected and appointed – face a disproportionate level of mistrust and criticism.

That is slowly evaporating with the end of the era when leaders fomented mistrust and put town council on the paths of failure after failure.

The naysayers are becoming the Didsbury dinosaurs, fossils of an era that is over.

Churches in Didsbury have influence. No better examples than the role of the churches in compassion funds, the coalition for the needy, the Joy Abounds concert, the food bank and the financing of an immigrant family fleeing civil war in Syria.

Ross Ford Elementary School, Westglen School, Didsbury High School and the parent-run home schools create much of the tone of the town through the positive influence they have on the behaviour of children.

Our RCMP detachment commander grew up in Carstairs and has come back to give positive personal leadership that is noteworthy, given that her job is to enforce criminal law.

The librarians, the museum staff, board and volunteers, the artisans who make the little libraries, the school crossing guards, the service club members...

The list of community shapers actually numbers 5,000, because we all do something that influences community.

Whether we make the community better or worse is a personal choice.

Choose wisely.



Letter

Keep ideology out of the classroom

On June 15, the NDP government announced plans to completely overhaul the curriculum taught to Alberta's K-12 school students.

The process is set to begin in September and continue over the next six years at a cost of \$64 million. Kindergarten to Grade 4 will be completed by the end of 2018, followed by grades 5 to 8 in late 2019.

The high school curriculum will be developed in phases from 2020 to 2022. Although the government has committed to public consultations, some of the new material to be taught to students has been predetermined. The existing curriculum will be used until the new one is put in place.

There is no doubt that some areas of Alberta's curriculum have fallen out of date; in fact some of it has not been updated in decades.

The Wildrose official Opposition certainly welcomes a commitment to teaching financial literacy, and giving high school students the opportunity to learn about computer coding.

Periodically updating the curriculum is necessary. However, I am concerned that these wholesale

changes provide an opportunity for educational fads and ideology to creep into our classrooms.

The official Opposition will be closely monitoring the NDP's curriculum overhaul. While this government boasts of an "NDP worldview" in other areas, I believe the best way to keep ideological fads out of the classroom is to keep the focus on what students need to succeed.

I believe that mandatory testing of students must continue to ensure this new curriculum is meeting parents' standards and Alberta Education remains accountable to the public.

A strong system is a priority for all Albertans. We all have a stake in helping children reach their potential, however it is important to remember that nobody has children's best interests at heart more than parents.

Keeping ideology out of the classroom is not a matter of politics, it is a matter of ensuring the basic competency of our education system.

Nathan Cooper
Carstairs

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Munro, Mildred Winnifred



It is with heartfelt sadness that we announce the passing of Mildred W. Munro (McDonald) on Tuesday June 19, 2016. Our family rejoices in sharing some wonderful memories about her amazing life of 99 years.

Mildred was born at Didsbury, AB, on May 14, 1917, where she lived, worked and later married Lyle Munro. During their marriage they lived at Rosebud, Carstairs and Pine Lake. Mildred had three children; Deanna (Hovey), George, and Linda (Lee). Mildred was predeceased by her husband, Lyle, and her son George. Mildred has 2 sisters, Jeanne Black of Osoyoos, B.C. and Lorraine Pearson of Calgary, AB. She was predeceased by her sisters, Marion McIntyre and Patricia Alton, both of Vancouver, B.C.

Mildred will be lovingly remembered for her caring and interest in her family and community, her love of music, her long membership in the Women's Institute, her "Woman of the Year Award" in Red Deer and her extensive career of running Pine Lake Sand & Gravel.

Mildred's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and friends remember her beautiful smile, her kindness and her home that was always welcoming to everyone who came to visit.

Mildred is survived by her daughters, Deanna (and the late Norman Hovey); Ruth Munro, Linda (Dan) Lee; her grandchildren Karyn Deuchar, Jim (Cindy) Hovey, Wendy (Brad) Corry, Steven (Taryne) Munro, Greg (Alex) Munro, Stacey (Kyla) Lee, Tyler (Sarah) Lee; her great grandchildren Blayne (Christine), Jolyn (Ryan) and Dylan Deuchar; Bergen Corry; Evan and Connor Munro; Nixon and Sloane Munro; Gabriel and Eamon Lee; Tyler Lee; and four great, great grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mildred will be held at the Pine Lake Hub Community Center Pine Lake, Alberta on Thursday June 30, 2016 at 1:30 P.M. A private family interment service took place in the Pine Lake Cemetery.

Condolences may be forwarded to the family by visiting www.eventidefuneralchapels.com.

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